

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete page 4, lines 20-25 of the application and replace with the following amended paragraph:

--Upon hydration, the viscosity of Component 1 increases to form a gel-like substance. Typical properties of Component 1 include its "stickiness," viscoelasticity, viscoelasticity, i.e., its ability to return to its original shape after being displaced, its rapid gel time, and the fact that the polymer chains relax and swell upon hydration. Examples of preferred aerlylie Component 1 polymers include Superfloc SUPERFLOC A-120, Superfloc SUPERFLOC A-130, and Superfloc A-150HMW SUPERFLOC A-150 HMW, all of which are anionic polyacrylamide flocculants from products of Cytec Industries Inc. Another example is Magnafloc MAGNAFLOC 1011, a high molecular weight anionic polyacrylamide flocculant from Ciba Specialty Chemicals, Inc. --